PROJECT NUMBER: 0008
PROJECT TITLE: Computer Applications
PROJECT LEADER: G. Davis
PERIOD COVERED: Aug. 19 - Sept. 19, 1988

I. COMPOSER/UNIX TRAINING (G. Davis & J. Lawson)

A. Objective: Provide training and support for Unix and WMC text processing package. Conduct training, user support and implementation of software revisions as they become available. Design WMC customized templates for the R&D Community. Maintain consistency of WMC menus and configuration files across all systems.

B. Results: Developed and held a "Sun Window Environment" class for AutoCad personnel. Two Unix classes were held. A final WMC class was held for professionals during the month. Started an electronic weekly message tip on WMC and Unix for all secretarial personnel. Spent time preparing new PM templates to be released next month. Programmed the function keys on Sheryl Baldwin's MacIntosh for WMC. Supported the general user questions during the month.

C. Plans: Composer+ has been loaded on PM03 and will be evaluated as time permits.

II. FULTEXT/SCANNER: (G. Davis)

A. Objective: Become familiar with the Fultext product and the Palantir scanner targeted for Central File to decrease the paper backlog in R&D's warehouse of an estimated 10 million pages. Implement and support for the above two products. Become familiar with Paint product for enhancing scanned images with the Palantir scanner.

B. Results: An additional 119 pages of CCTS have been scanned, edited and forwared to Maggie Southwick by the COE student. Additional images were scanned and edited for Daryl's Faustini's book as requested. They were sent electronically to Trish Sinkiewicz. Problems have been encountered with Bernie Laroy's Fultext collection with WMC as the default editor. Screens have been modified for the newspaper clipping file and work has begun on documentation of the process for the Library staff. A filter will be written to pull profile data from the scanned information and the off-site keyed data. Instructed Jean during the month on the use of the Palantir scanner for images and text.

C. Plans: Continue support on above. Continue learning about Fultext in regards to customization. Work will continue by the COE student on scanning and editing the CCTS data.

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III. BASIS (G. Davis & J. Lawson)

A. Objective: Provide back-up for Alice Lewis in Basis database design and support. Continue to support Engineering Department Central File in database usage.

B. Results: Specification database created last month and put in test environment has been accepted without change.

C. Plans: To remain accessible to the basis users. To move Central File's databases from rmnt2 to usr/hd/smaugh7.

IV. SOFTWARE: (G. Davis & J. Lawson)

A. Objective: Evaluate new software as needed such as Interleaf, Centrum, Alice, Fultext, ProChart, Profs.

B. Results: Evaluation of the graphics and equation editor within Centrum is in progress. A comparison is being made between these two products within Centrum for ease of use and functionality as compared to creating the same information in Interleaf. The currently loaded version of ProChart is still not the version we presently have documentation for.

C. Plans: Support any of the above products as they become production. Evaluate software as it becomes available on the system.

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